



Watershed Working Group (WWG) Meeting February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes



Report out from Commission on the Environment meeting:

- The Commission on the Environment was given the Draft Rockville SOS Procedures Manual for review. Comments were due 2/18. No comments were submitted.
- It was suggested that the WWG use the Communications and Outreach working group to help get the word out about the SOS training.

Updates:

- Status of the Stormwater Management Program reorganization
 - The City of Rockville is going forward with hiring a stormwater manager and an environmental compliance inspector.
- Training signup and advertising to date
 - We have approximately 25 participants signed up for the two SOS trainings. Our space holds about 30 comfortably. We are going to hold off on active advertising for now so we don't get overwhelmed.

Rockville SOS Procedures Manual review:

- The WWG walked through the document and made final suggestions. Environmental Management Division (EMD) staff will make the changes and get it back out to the WWG for the final review. After comments, EMD will work with City graphics department to layout the document in final format.

Benthic macroinvertebrate training review:

- The group walked through the presentation and overall approved. The group will give specific wording comments to Audra by March 2nd.
- Materials still needed for training include: line drawings of bugs separated into three "sample pulls" and a key for each "sample pull"; separated bug library and key for sample bugs; demonstration material for rock rubbing and sorting activities.
- Next steps-Audra and EMD staff gather material and walk through training. Walk through each activity to make sure we are prepared for the training.

Habitat Assessment training Review:

- EMD staff was given a copy of the habitat assessment draft presentation. EMD staff will add watershed and outfall assessment information and email the presentation out to the WWG for review.
- Materials still needed for training include: transparent tube to measure turbidity, yard stick and flags (for measuring stream velocity).
- Next steps-EMD staff will identify spots near the Nature Center to practice Habitat Assessment techniques. Purchase remaining equipment.